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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-105-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND EARLY FRAUD DETECTION SYSTEM

During reviews of the Early Fraud Detection System, certain food stamp program operational problems are identified. The purpose of this All-County Information Notice is to clarify for counties the appropriate action to be taken in response to investigative findings.

In order to comply with Food Stamp regulations, the County Welfare Department (CWD) must proceed as follows after an investigation has been conducted:

1. If the investigation finds that a PA household provided false information or withheld information affecting its PA eligibility, the CWD shall not terminate food stamps on that basis alone (63-301.6).
2. The household shall be given an opportunity to clarify any information relating to its food stamp eligibility or benefit level which stems from the investigation (63-300.544).
3. If the household refuses to cooperate with the CWD to resolve any discrepancies, the CWD shall terminate the household's participation for refusal to cooperate in a subsequent review of its eligibility (63-505.1).
4. If the household does cooperate with the CWD to resolve any discrepancies and the resulting information affects the household's current eligibility or benefit level, the CWD shall take the appropriate action to reduce or terminate the household's benefits (63-805.2).
5. Whether or not the household cooperates with the CWD, the SIU shall investigate any household suspected of intentionally violating the Food Stamp Program regulations. During this investigation and any subsequent administrative hearing or court proceeding on the matter, the household's participation in the program shall not be affected as long as it remains eligible for benefits (20-300.21, .22, and 63-805.2).

If you have any questions, please contact your Food Stamp Corrective Action Bureau Consultant at (916) 322-5475.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Horel", is written over the typed name.

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